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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS *ec*

SUBJ: JCOC-59 VISIT TO I MEF

PURPOSE: Transmit to SecDef JCOC Feedback Letters

DISCUSSION: The attached letters were received by the Commanding General, I MEF, Lieutenant General Tony Zinni, from several JCOC-59 members as a result of their visit to Camp Pendleton, CA. As indicated in the letters, the JCOC visit to I MEF was rewarding. As the Secretary was personally interested in the JCOC visit, these letters are forwarded for his information.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

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Lt. General A. C. Zinni
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Dear General Zinni:

Words cannot adequately express the emotional high I experienced from participating in JCOC-59. I have visited many different countries throughout the world, but the time spent with JCOC must be recorded as the most valuable experience of my life.

I want to personally thank you for giving me the experience of a life time! The time we spent at Camp Pendleton proved to be most informative, educational, and humbling. I stand in awe at the capabilities of the United States Marine Corps.

As a result of my participation in JCOC, I plan to become very actively involved in promoting the military way of life to my community and congressional delegation. We soon found that military personnel are stretched thin with the budget and personnel cuts. Families are apart for longer periods and more often than normal. Yet through it all, patriotism and love for our great Country abounds! I saw and spoke with so many dedicated men and women. I would like to personally commend Major General Frank Libutti for making our visit to Camp Pendleton so exciting and interesting. I have tried for weeks to describe my experience to family and friends, but one must experience it to understand it!

Thanks again for making JCOC-59 a great success and a memorable experience for me..

Sincerely,

Gene Haymon